The Attorney General

June 17, 1975

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Adams
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JOHN F. KENNEDY

Reference is made to memorandum of June 11, 1975, from Mr. John J. Buckley, Jr., Special Assistant to the Attorney General to Mr. James B. Adams, Assistant to the Director - Deputy Associate Director of the FBI concerning telephone calls received by Mr. Buckley from Professor Richard H. Popkin.

On June 12, 1975, prior to receipt of the June 11, 1975, memorandum, a letter was sent to the Attorney General from the Director, FBI, setting forth pertinent information in this matter.

For your information, file number 91118914, as furnished to Mr. Buckley by Professor Popkin, is not a valid FBI file number.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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NOTE:

This pertains to telephone information received by Mr. Adams from Mr. Buckley on 6/6/75, to the effect that Mr. Buckley had been telephonically contacted by a Professor Richard Popkin. Popkin told Buckley he had been approached by an ex-CIA Agent by the name of Richard C. Nagell who claimed to have written the FBI in September, 1963, warning that Lee Harvey Oswald was going to kill President Kennedy. Bureau files were searched and no record was found of such a letter. Nagell was never associated with the CIA, but years ago was in the U. S. Army Counterintelligence Corps. He has a long history of mental instability. Nagell was convicted in Federal court for a bank robbery violation in 1963. Over the years he has contacted several FBI Offices with allegations of civil rights violations and intelligence activities. The alleged September, 1963, letter to the FBI was first checked in 1964, with negative results. Nagell has made other claims regarding his connections with Oswald which have been discounted. It is interesting to note that an article in a 1968 edition of the "New Yorker" magazine stated that Nagell had been brought to the attention of then New Orleans, La., District Attorney Jim Garrison, in relation to Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Information extracted from Bureau files was furnished to the Attorney General by letter of June 12, 1975. Buckley's memorandum of June 11, 1975, states that Popkin continues to contact him and has said that the file number of the letter to the FBI is 91118914. This letter to the Attorney General advises that pertinent information was furnished to the Attorney General by letter of June 12, 1975, and advises that 91118914 is not a valid FBI file number. Appropriate 91 classification files were checked with negative results.